

# MASSACHUSETTS EMT-INTERMEDIATE

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## RECERTIFICATION STEPS

Go to **MASSEMT.ORG** and follow the prompts to access all steps of recertification

STEP-1: TRAINING PROFILE	STEP-2: PROFILE REVIEW	STEP-3: STATE APPLICATION
<b>A. Create a training profile.</b> If you have NREMT certification, you will be rerouted to log into your NREMT account through NREMT.org.	<b>A. Work with TO for profile review.</b> Your EMS agency Training Officer (TO) will review your training profile for accuracy and document the proficiency of your skills (if applicable).	<b>A. Log into state's eLicensing website.</b> Find your eLicensing account. First time users should find their information based on SSN and birthdate.
<b>B. Affiliate with your EMS agency.</b> If you are unaffiliated (and non-NREMT): select unaffiliated based on your region ( <i>more info available on massemt.org</i> ).	<b>B. Make any necessary edits.</b> If your Training Officer recognizes the need for further explanations or edits, be sure to complete the edits & resubmit.	<b>B. Review, attest &amp; pay state recert. fee.</b> Review your information for accuracy, answer questions, and submit the recertification fee (\$125) electronically.
<b>C. Enter <u>all</u> of your training hours.</b> Archived credits from 2013 may be available at <a href="http://mass.gov/dph/oems">mass.gov/dph/oems</a> (under "Lookup EMT CE Credit Hours Archive.")	<b>ALS NREMT Providers Only:</b> <i>Your agency Medical Director will also review and authorize your training profile and skills.</i>	<b>C. Submit your state application by 03/31/15.</b> As long as you have completed all steps you will receive your new certification card in the mail within 2-3 weeks.
<b>D. Pay for training profile &amp; submit.</b> Submit your training profile & training profile fee electronically. <b>MA-only EMT-Intermediates: \$25</b> <b>MA/NREMT EMT-Intermediates: \$20</b>	<b>Non-NREMT EMTs who are unaffiliated:</b> <i>Be sure to submit your training records to your EMS region, who will act as your training officer (more info available on massemt.org).</i>	<b>CHECK!</b> As you approach the expiration of your current state EMT certification, be sure to check your wallet to ensure you are carrying a current certification card.

**Need help with steps 1 or 2?** Direct your questions first to your EMS Agency Training Officer; if more help is required, contact the **NREMT at 614-888-4484**.

**Need help with step 3?** Contact the **eLicensing help desk at 617-973-0935**.



## TIMELINE

JANUARY 1, 2013	OCTOBER 1, 2014	DECEMBER 31, 2014	FEBRUARY 15, 2015	MARCH 31, 2015
Continuing education completed after this date can be used for 2015 recertification.	Training profile & state application open for online payment & submission.	No longer a deadline! <i>Happy New Year's Eve!</i>	Recommended date to complete & submit all steps in order receive your new card by 04/01/15.	Last day to complete & submit all steps (including step 2: review by your Training Officer).

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## SCOPE OF PRACTICE TRANSITION

WHY?	HOW?	WHEN?
<p>Prior to this initiative, there were over 40 different EMS certification levels across the country; in many cases the same title meant very different skill sets and training requirements. In an effort to standardize all EMS certifications there is a nationwide initiative to update all providers to the most modern <b>minimum</b> standards on top of which statewide treatment protocols will build.</p> <p>The Massachusetts EMT-Intermediate certification is based on curriculum from 1985. At that time, there was a significant disparity of Paramedics in especially rural areas. In the almost 30 years since the 1985 curriculum was developed, there have been a number of significant changes that have reduced the need for the EMT-I in its current design. The goal of the Advanced-EMT is to provide a higher level of care than the EMT-I for chronic medical patients (a health population we are dealing with far more than trauma patients). The AEMT would still have the ability to perform advanced airway interventions (not intubation, but a supraglottic airway) and IV access (with additional medications), but the focus would be on enhanced assessment with much more anatomy/physiology education and an understanding of disease processes.</p>	<p>This transition course will be more extensive than the other levels. The skills and knowledge gap between what an EMT-I/85 and AEMT are expected to know is significant. At the AEMT level, there is a much heavier emphasis placed on anatomy and physiology in addition to a focus on chronic disease processes.</p> <p>The Department has released guidelines regarding the curriculum for these EMT-I to AEMT transition courses (A/R 2-212A) and courses are beginning to become available around the state. Please visit the OEMS website for more information on where to find these courses.</p>	<p>EMT-Intermediates must transition to "Advanced EMT" by 3/31/17 or drop to the EMT-Basic level by completing the EMT-Basic recertification standards and emailing <a href="mailto:oems.recert@state.ma.us">oems.recert@state.ma.us</a>.</p>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Completing this transition process results in NREMT certification.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**OVERVIEW:** Current continuing education requirements are now broken into 3 categories totaling 50 hours. As a total, at the EMT-I level, it is 12 hours less than the prior standard. The new requirements involve redesigned and innovative education focused on increased clinical skills and changes in practice.

**APPROVAL & SUBMISSION:** Training institutions and Continuing Education sponsors no longer submit rosters to the state but will retain copies on file; it is the individual EMT's responsibility to maintain documentation of their completed continuing education in the form of either a course certificate or copy of roster. All courses must have an OEMS approval number (if NREMT certified, courses must have a state and/or CECBEMS approval number).

NATIONAL	Content that all EMTs nationwide need to review.	LOCAL	Content that all EMTs in your state, region and service need to review.	INDIVIDUAL	Content that you as an individual EMT need and/or want to review.
25 hours		12.5 hours		12.5 hours	
These are defined objectives and take the place of the old refresher. If you took an EMT refresher in 2013, it can count towards for 20hrs in this category for 2015. 25hr breakdown is:		For 2015 recertification, this section is not defined and instead completed based on elective courses, similar to the <b>INDIVIDUAL</b> category (will be further defined next cycle).		Elective course requirement. Courses must be within your EMS scope of practice.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 hour EMT NCCP</li> <li>5 hours elective EMT-I/AEMT topics</li> </ul>					

**Important fact:** If you do not have NREMT certification and elect to test into the NREMT during your recertification period (which is **optional**), you will fulfill the continuing education requirements for your Massachusetts certification and can continue through the recertification process (to step 3). Thereafter, recertifying your NREMT certification will automatically satisfy Massachusetts steps 1 & 2.